

## **AIRWAY IMPLANT AND DELIVERY TOOL AND KIT**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           According to one aspect of the present invention, an apparatus and related kit are disclosed for treating an airway condition of a patient. The invention includes a handle sized to be hand grasped by an operator and having an actuator mechanism to be selectively actuated by said operator. A cartridge includes an implant of biocompatible material sized to be embedded within a tissue of said airway. The cartridge also  
10 includes a needle having an axially extending bore and a distal tip for penetrating into the airway tissue. The implant disposed within said bore at the distal tip. The cartridge has a proximal end adapted to be coupled to the handle for the implant to be ejected from the distal tip upon actuation of the actuator. The kit of the invention includes a container including a handle and cartridge.